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SENATOR MURPHY: This amendment that was offered by Senator DeCamp yesterday, came at the request of the head of Region 4 and was occasioned by the fact that he felt he had acquired some funds that could be matched by the state and was anxious to put the program into effect. However, upon further investigation it turns out that the bulk of the funds that were appropriated by the state under LB 131, which of course are not eligible for match and there is some uncertainty as to the eligibility of the other funds. Accordingly, I would say the action we have taken is illegal in that we are only allowed to provide funding at the rate of 3:1 on locally tax generated funds. Accordingly I think the amendment should be stricken lest we get into something that is contrary to the terms set forth in 302.

Accordingly I move that the bill be returned and the DeCamp amendment be stricken. It's a matter of some misunderstanding relative to the source of funds which may be matched.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Just to say that's basically correct. We've spent last night and this morning checking the exact origin of the funds. Senator Dworak has made calls all over. Apparently the funds did not come directly from property taxes. They came through other means. Consequently cannot be certified as I understand it. I would have to go along with Senator Murphy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Yesterday we met with Mr. Cleavenger and some of the people in Region 4. There has to be local funds certified before there are matching state funds. We were lead to believe that there was an amount of local funds available that were generated from local tax services. There were local funds available. Some of these local funds were state dollars that the State of Nebraska has sent out on other programs. Some of these local funds are a mixture between, well part of it is out of a hospital, county hospital, which could be some mill levy but it also includes some fees. It would also include some federal grants. So we're unable to certify the base of these local funds. I apologize for speaking for it yesterday. I think I was wrong. I think we ought to consider Senator Murphy's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel. Is there anything further on this matter? Senator Murphy, do you want to respond?

SENATOR MURPHY: I'll try, yes sir. Are you asking for the close? I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT: Yes, yes.